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Martin tried to get a candidate to quit: PCs

Politics. Details surface about controversies in two ridings

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A candidate for the Progressive Conservative nomination in an Edmonton riding was disqualified earlier this month after his party received a sworn legal document and apparent admission claiming he attempted to “induce” another candidate to withdraw from their own race.

Kelley Charlebois, executive director of the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta, told Metro the decision to disqualify candidate Don Martin came after he received legal documents and spoke with Martin — all preceding Martin’s removal from the Tory ballot in Edmonton-Decore.

Voters were to head to the polls the next day, to elect either Martin or Janice Sarich.

“He was disallowed for activities that he undertook in terms of trying to induce another candidate to withdraw from the campaign process, which the nomination committee looked at and said ‘This is absolutely unacceptable,’” Charlebois said.

Martin denied wrongdoing and told Metro he hasn’t seen proof of the allegations.

“I haven’t seen an affidavit and my nominating committee never saw an affidavit,” he said.

Charlebois wouldn’t reveal which candidate Martin allegedly approached, stating only it was another Edmonton race.

However, party sources confirmed to Metro that the allegation is Martin was acting on behalf of Edmonton-Meadowlark candidate Tom Choucair, who, like Martin, was disqualified from his race hours before going to the polls.

Choucair said Tuesday he met Martin on the campaign trail, but never asked him to approach another candidate.

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Samarasekera Q & A

U of A resists big cuts until provincial budget drops

Yesterday, Metro reported that the University of Alberta plans to cut just 1.5 per cent from its 2015 budget, and is assuming its grant from the province will hold steady. But other Alberta schools are preparing for up to seven per cent reduction. We asked U of A president Indira Samarasekera to explain.

Metro: With the province facing a $7-billion revenue hole, how did the university approve a budget that sees a no change to the Campus Alberta grant?

Indira Samarasekera: Because we haven't received any other information from the government, and so we're basically guessing. Once the budget is announced, we will make the necessary adjustments.

M: So the university doesn't know something others don't?

IS: We don't have anything official. If you don't have anything official, you don't want to start making assumptions that you don't have any confirmation on.

M: Does the U of A have contingency plans in place if the budget looks anything like the 2013 budget?

IS: We don't expect the budget to look anything like the 2013 budget and we are optimistic we'll be given some time to figure out how we can strategically make budget adjustments. (In) the 2013 budget we were given no time at all.

LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO



Justin Benko attempted to commit suicide and was admitted to Grey Nuns psych ward. Once he was released, Benko says he was pressured to resign from his job.

TOPHER SEGUIN/METRO

Man says he was pressured to quit after suicide attempt

Mental health. Alberta Students' Executive Council says claims are unfounded



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Two months ago, Justin Benko tried to kill himself. After suffering from depression and anxiety for years, the 34-year-old Edmontonian was admitted to the Grey Nuns Psychiatric ward, where he spent two weeks recovering from his own attempt on his life.

Now, six weeks later, Benko is speaking out, though not about recovering from the attempt — instead, about resigning from his job as the executive director for Alberta Students' Executive Council after he was released from hospital.

Benko claims he was pressured by the organization to quit. But ASEC's chair told Metro Tuesday that Benko's allegations were "unfounded." Benko alleges that two days after he was released from hospital, and had started back at work, he was informed by the organization that his job performance was "sloppy" and staff was concerned about his leadership.

Feeling like he had no other option, Benko said he scrambled to put together a resignation letter.

"I signed the paper and I walked out of the room. I felt like going and committing suicide again because it just felt hopeless." When contacted, ASEC chair Tyler Ludwig told Metro that out of respect to past and current employees, the organization couldn't comment on Benko's allegations.

"ASEC had legal counsel involved and acted appropriately throughout," said Ludwig. "We hope that Justin is receiving the treatment he requires and we wish him well." In a statement, ASEC said the organization didn't force Mr. Benko to resign, nor did it discriminate against him. They said they were considering possible claims for defamation, breach of confidence and other matters.

Furthermore

- Benko is currently preparing a human rights complaint with the Alberta Human Rights Commission for discrimination based on mental illness.
- In 2013, ASEC was awarded $1.5 million over three years to support post-secondary students' associations to implement mental health programs for students.

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Students use blog to keep tabs on sexism in bars, restaurants

Research. U of A group collecting testimonies


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Four Women's Studies students from the University of Alberta are so fed up with sexism in Edmonton restaurants that they have created an interactive blog that is exposing the shameful underbelly of the food industry.

The four created F.E.D. U.P. YEG (the acronym stands for Feminist Eatery Database Undercover Project), a website asking for stories of sexism, and say they have received several responses from women who are subjected to it in the food industry from employers or customers.

"One of the horror stories we had is a girl went to work one day and her manager asked the male staff if she was pretty that day. They said 'No' in front of people," said Tempo Sabatier, one of the project's creators.

Another testimony on the site details how a manager in training at a male-focused restaurant chain was instructed not to hire any female staff they would not sleep with.

The site is part of a class project for the students and will eventually include a database of restaurants that have been singled out by respondents.

Allowing consumers to make informed decisions based on how a business operates is all part of the broader goal of the project, Sabatier said.

"Everyone knows there's a lot of crap in the service industry that girls especially put up with," she said. "A lot of people are afraid to share their story with their name associated with it, so we're giving them an anonymous space to share their story."



Tempo Sabatier, left, and Kira Buro are members of a group researching sexism in restaurants. Four Women's Studies students from the University of Alberta are so fed up with sexism in Edmonton restaurants that they have created an interactive blog that is exposing the shameful underbelly of the food industry.
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Students from Grace Martin School started handing out buttons to riders on Tuesday. TOPHER SEGUIN/METRO

Etiquette focus of ETS campaign

Transit. ETS looking to encourage good behaviour on its trains



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The city is rewarding good behavior on Edmonton Transit through a program launched Tuesday at Churchill LRT station.

The "I'm an ETS hero" campaign will see ETS peace officers, operators and service staff hand out 10,000 buttons to transit riders who are helpful to their fellow passengers.

"We're trying to raise the idea that this is a public space. These things just become more and more important. Culture doesn't always catch up with the etiquette," said Coun. Scott McKeen.

Grade 4 to 6 students from Grace Martin School helped kick off the campaign Tuesday by handing out the "I'm an ETS hero" buttons to people riding the LRT.

Riders are encouraged to pass the buttons along to others they see acting nicely, to spread knowledge of what makes a respectable transit rider.

Offering your seat to an elderly person or pregnant woman, keeping your personal music down or letting people disembark before hopping on transit are all part of transit etiquette Edmontonians should be aspiring to, the city said in a release.

"I think it's all common sense. It's possible we can make it a little more comfortable for everyone," said McKeen.

Stony Plain

Crown stays sex charges against local teacher

An Edmonton-area teacher is no longer facing charges after the Crown stayed charges of sexual assault and sexual exploitation against 44-year-old James Richard Pratt. Pratt was charged last year after a female student came forward.

The teacher was removed from his position at Memorial Composite high school in Stony Plain, west of Edmonton.

A stay of charges means the Crown believes there's no reasonable likelihood of conviction. Prosecutors have one year to revive the charges if there's new evidence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Europe

Edmontonian arrested in Germany

A woman has been arrested in Germany and extradited to Canada to face charges of harassing and threatening an instructor and patrons of a dance studio.

Police allege 38-year-old Hana Sakkat of Edmonton stalked her dance teacher after he thwarted her romantic advances in 2013. They say she followed him once to a dance competition in Las Vegas.

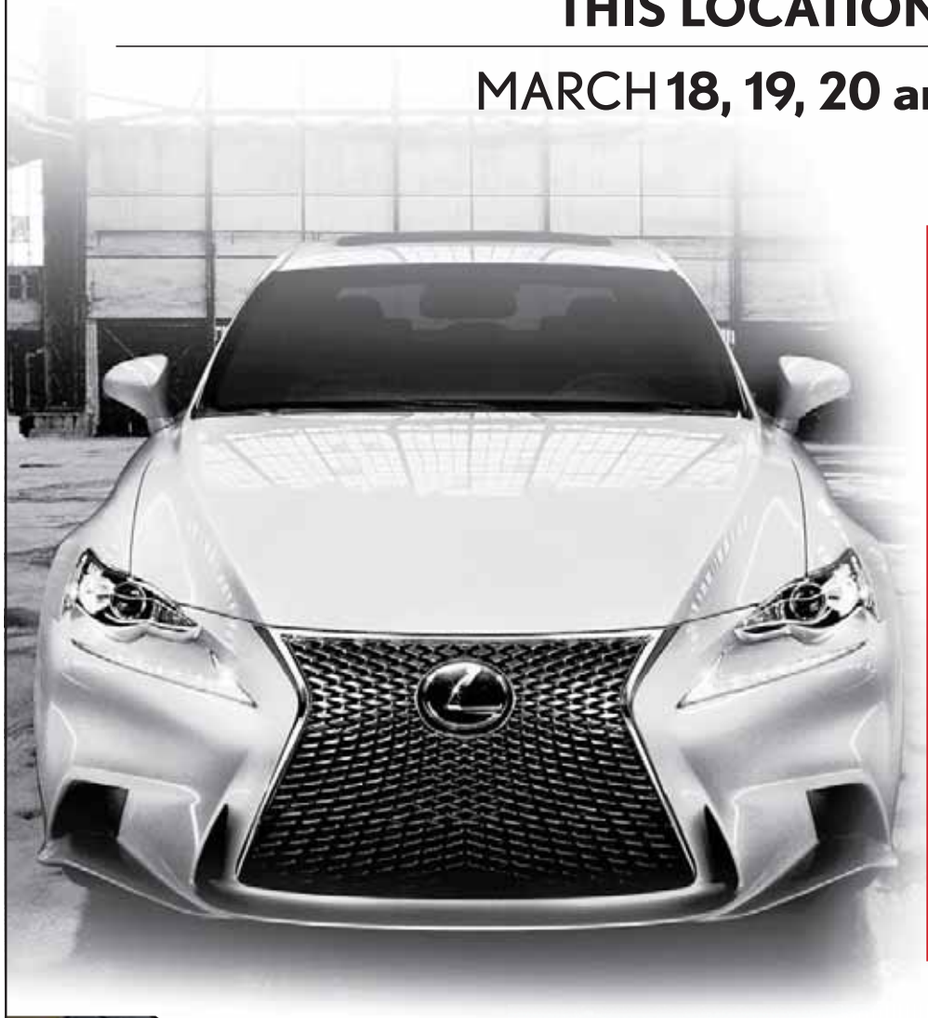
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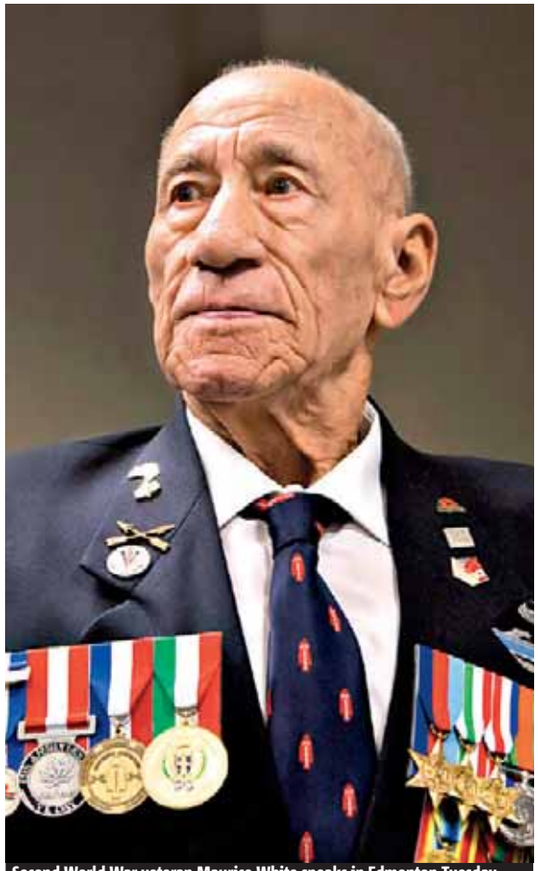
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Second World War veteran Maurice White speaks in Edmonton Tuesday about being recognized for his efforts in the special force Devil's Brigade.
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Edmonton pays tribute to Devil's Brigade veteran

Military. Maurice White, who served with elite unit, has for years spent time with students to tell them about his wartime experiences

A former member of an elite Canada-U.S. army unit has been honoured by the city of for his service during the Second World War.

Maurice White was only 17 and living in a small rural community in northern Alberta when he joined the military in 1941.

In December 1943, he fought with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in the Battle of Ortona — an extremely fierce fight between German paratroopers and assaulting Canadian forces which was the culmination of combat on the Adriatic front in Italy.

He then volunteered for the Devil's Brigade, special forces troops who went on raids and fought battles in Italy and France.

White, who is 90 and has emphysema, sat proudly wearing a navy blue blazer covered with campaign ribbons and military awards as city council officially recognized him for his service.

The former lance corporal and his few surviving comrades were awarded a Congressional Gold Medal last month by the U.S. government.

For years, White has volunteered his time to talk with students about what he and his comrades experienced during the war.

"They have to know the suffering that we went through to make a better life that they can live now," he said Tuesday.

"They have to know what went on. If we don't talk with the young people, they will never know. It will have no meaning." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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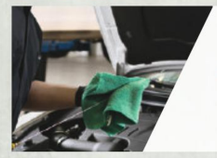
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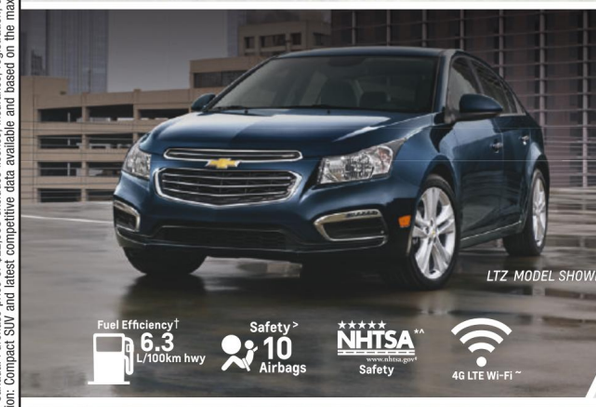
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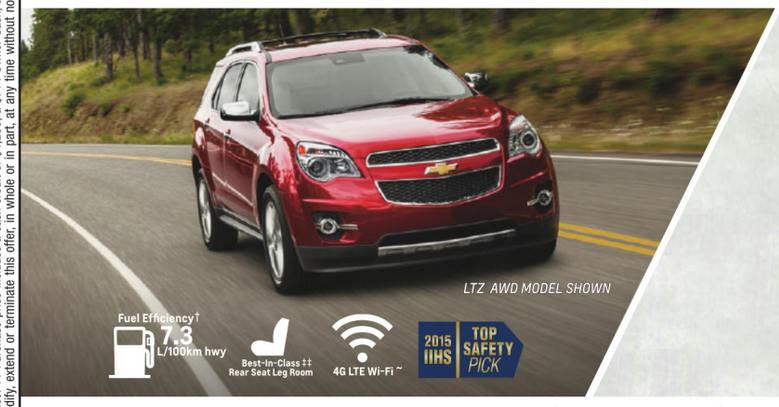
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Groat Road

Trail closed until bridge investigation wraps up

Cyclists and pedestrians wanting to use the Groat Road multi-use path will have to wait until the city finishes investigating what happened to the recently twisted 102 Avenue bridge.

A detour of the Groat Road shared-use path was set to end around mid-April, but the reopening might be pushed back further, depending on what results from the bridge investigation.

"Of course, now (the path will remain closed) for the girders and for safety," said Kelly Fitzgibbon, city spokesperson.

"It's a non-starter that it will definitely stay closed for the duration of the Groat Road closure but then that extra time, it really depends."

Cyclist Jay Gauthier used the trail when open, and said he hopes the route along Groat Road opens soon, as it is popular in the summer.

"If the road itself needs to be closed, I would imagine the trail needs to be closed until car traffic is reopened. I understand safety but they also have to value the people that need to use that path," he said.

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Cyclist Jay Gauthier is hoping the Groat Road trail opens up before the summertime. TOPHER SEGUIN/METRO

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Let's get to work

Groat Road closed for three weeks

Repair work. Engineering professors believes bracing could be issue



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Edmonton's Groat Road will likely be closed until at least April 7 and the 102 Avenue Bridge could be delayed up to a year.

City councillors got an update on the project Tuesday morning, one day after four massive steel girders inexplicably buckled.

While the city is still investigating what took place, the chair of the University of Alberta's civil engineering school thinks he has an idea.

Professor Roger Cheng said he believes the bracing in between the steel girders failed, leading to the buckling.

"I think it definitely would be the bracing, especially if you're thinking about the sequence," he said.

Cheng said both the steel fabricator and the bridge contractor have excellent reputations and he has the benefit of hindsight.

Edmonton's transportation manager Dorian Wandzura said the city has brought in a large crane to the site and hopes to be able to remove the damaged girders, but it won't be easy.

"We're working with very high loads at a high elevation," he said. "We estimate the entire process could take three weeks."

Barry Belcourt, branch manager of roads design and construction, said it would be a full court press to get Groat Road reopened.

"They will be 24-7 until it is done," he said.

He said fixing the bridge has to be a top priority.

"The team I am working with and the contractors, we're embarrassed," he said.

Next steps

City councillors have asked administration to find ways to reduce congestion in the interim, including changes to parking restrictions and traffic light timings.



A massive crane has arrived on site and will start removal of some of the girders. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



Getting their green on for St. Paddy's

Tristan Smith, centre, and Keith Eldridge, right, laugh as they share a pint on Tuesday, St. Patrick's Day, at the Old Triangle bar in Halifax. Bars across Canada were packed for the annual celebration. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Mulcair blasts PM on pro-gun remarks

Firearms. Harper calls guns 'a tool' used by people who live far from police station

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair has called Prime Minister Stephen Harper irresponsible for encouraging people to arm themselves if they live too far from a police station.

Mulcair was referring to comments Harper recently made in Saskatoon where he was questioned at a meeting of rural municipal leaders about the government's priorities in dealing with firearms.

"It's a tool that many people use in their lives, obviously in their livelihoods," the prime minister told the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.

"My wife's from a rural area. Gun ownership wasn't just for the farm, it was also for a certain level of security when you're a ways away from police, immediate police assistance.

"But also it's something people use for recreation and the vast, vast majority do so safely."

In Montreal on Tuesday, Mulcair accused Harper of "using the firearms dossier to divide Canadians."

"This time it's an attempt to divide the rural world from the world that lives in cities," he said.

The NDP leader added he was "quite astonished" to hear the prime minister tell people to use their own weapons to protect themselves. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sexist joke

Pub says sorry for sandwich board

An Ottawa pub has apologized over a sexist sandwich-board joke. Local Public Eatery posted the sign: "Q: How many men does it take to open a Budweiser? A: None. The women should already have it open on the table." The pub later tweeted an apology. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Niqab remarks

Tory MP forced to make apology

Ontario Tory MP Larry Miller has been forced by the prime minister's office to apologize after suggesting during a call-in radio show that those who wish to wear a niqab while swearing the oath of citizenship ought to "stay the hell where you came from." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Protest

Activist criticizes anti-terror bill

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, a former leader of Quebec's student uprising in 2012, is adding his voice to those concerned with the extent of the powers that would be granted to intelligence agencies and police under the Conservatives' wide-ranging bill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The droning of a new era



Technology. Business applications for drones used to be strictly militaristic, but now the sky really is the limit



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Eight years ago, Dave Kroetsch couldn't find a buyer for his drones. The CEO and president of Waterloo, Ont.-based Aeryon Labs went door-to-door, pitching to police officers, power inspection companies, surveyors and more, but no one had any idea how drones could help their business.

"When we started this in 2007, no one even knew what a drone was," Kroetsch says. Drones had been used by the military, and some universities were doing experiments, but the average person hadn't heard of the new technology.

Fast forward to 2015, and drones are becoming an inevitable part of our lives. In recent years, as the technology has developed and prices have dropped, drones have become far more commonplace and are as varied as the applications they're used for — from toy drones for hobbyists to commercial drones used in farming.

Aeryon's heavy-duty drones are now deployed for industrial use. They have military applications, such as tactical awareness and surveillance, but are also used in public-safety initiatives, such as fire management, crowd control and search-and-rescue missions. That's in addition to their large-scale commercial applications, including pipeline monitoring and precision agriculture.

Prices drop, drones rise:

Stewart Baillie, chairman of Unmanned Systems Canada (USC), a non-profit promoting the drone industry, says interest in drones has increased in the past decade, partly due to increasing affordability. Twelve years ago, Baillie says, people were talking about drones for purely military purposes.

"The technology was very expensive and very difficult to use," he says, noting the regulations at the time were also difficult to navigate.

Battery, camera and GPS technology, as well as the smartphone revolution, "have come together at a great time," Kroetsch says. A simple Phantom toy drone from DaJiang Innovations (DJI) costs around $1,000. A Parrot drone, used primarily for recreational purposes, retails for about half of that.

Transport Canada is also helping commercial drones get in the air. To keep the skies safe, it's working to ensure drone operators steer clear of commercial airplanes. To this end, Transport Canada authorities have differentiated between model aircraft, which don't need to be regulated, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or commercial drones.

A model aircraft is characterized as being under 35 kilograms and used solely for hobby purposes. To fly commercially, operators must apply for a Special Flight Operation Certificate (SFOC), detailing their safety and security plans, and have their drone insured.

In 2010, Transport Canada established a UAV Working Group to create rules ensuring operators are trained and that the drones meet safety standards. The same year, the agency issued just 66 SFOCs to individuals or businesses seeking to operate drones commercially. As of Sept. 15 of last year, Transport Canada had issued 1,020 such certificates.

Pies in the sky no more:

When it comes to uses for commercial drones today, the sky really is the limit. Retail giants such as Amazon are seeking approval in the U.S. to initiate outdoor research into drone delivery systems. Amazon's program, Prime Air, has an ambitious goal: getting a package into customers' hands via drone in 30 minutes or less.

Amazon is confident about it, too. The company declares on its website: "One day, seeing Prime Air vehicles will be as normal as seeing mail trucks on the road."

From dance duty to crop watch

Canadian businesses from across the country are getting creative with this technology



Surveying the lay of the land

Accuas Inc, a Salmon Arm, B.C., land-surveying company, is an early adopter, putting drones to use since 2007 to conduct aerial surveys and map terrain. The company uses drones in a number of industries in which land surveying is necessary but difficult, including agriculture, oil-and-gas and waste management.



All part of the performance

In a recent Cirque du soleil performance entitled Sparked, a repairman's lamps come to life and enter a majestic dance with him. The lamps are, in fact, computer-programmed drones. "We thought it was very interesting to divert this object and bring poetry, magic, whimsy to it," said Welby Altidor, who was Cirque du soleil's project lead in creating Sparked. But the real magic came from the drones' computer programming, which synchronized all the movements, allowing for a fluid and harmonious flight.



And the award for best cinematography goes to ...

Kaspi Films, a small company based in the Greater Toronto Area, offers professional cinematography and photography services using drones. Among its projects, Kaspi has used drones for aerial photography of the Niagara Falls region and aerial video for a KFC commercial.



Spying on future fries

McCain Foods has a drone equipped with cameras that capture a bird's-eye view of their potato crops in New Brunswick. In a joint project with Resson Aerospace, McCain operates the drone above its fields, and Resson takes the data and analyzes it to improve efficiency and asses crop health. The 2014 season was their second using a drone.

Netanyahu edges Herzog in close vote

Israel. Narrow margin casts doubt on who will form the next coalition government

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared to fend off a strong challenge from the country's opposition leader in parliamentary elections Tuesday, emerging from an acrimonious campaign in a slightly better position to form Israel's next government.

But with the sides nearly evenly divided, a victory by Netanyahu's Likud Party still was not guaranteed. His chief rival, Isaac Herzog of the Zionist Union, said he would make "every effort" to form a government, and an upstart centrist party led by a former Netanyahu ally-turned-rival was set to be the kingmaker. The country now heads into what could be weeks of negotiations over the makeup of the next coalition.

Both Netanyahu and Herzog will now compete for a chance to form a coalition that commands a majority in the 120-seat parliament. Netanyahu appeared to have a better chance of cobbling together a government with right-wing and religious parties that he calls his "natural allies." Herzog would have to appeal to more ideologically diverse parties.

Exit polls on Israel's three main TV stations showed Likud and the Zionist Union in a near deadlock. Channels One and 10 gave Likud a 27-26 lead in the parliament, while Channel 2 gave Likud a 28-27 edge. The breakdown may change as final results pour in Wednesday.

Netanyahu or Herzog will have to court potential partners to secure a 61-seat majority. Both parties have ruled out forming a unity government together. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Students push online to remove statue

Students walk past a statue of British colonialist Cecil John Rhodes at the University of Cape Town near the city centre of Cape Town, South Africa, on Tuesday. Last week, student protesters from the school tossed excrement at it, arguing the monument is a tribute to the white domination of the past. Students have organized a social-media campaign called Rhodes Must Fall. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt. Two cases sent to court by prosecutor

Egypt's chief prosecutor on Tuesday referred a police officer to trial for the killing of a female protester during a peaceful demonstration.

The death of 32-year-old Shaimaa el-Sabbagh, a mother of a young boy, in January on the eve of the 2011 uprising's anniversary caused an intense public outcry. Footage showed two black-clad police officers pointing their rifles in her direction as gunshots rang out following a command to fire.

Two weeks later, at least 22 soccer fans were crushed to death outside a stadium in Cairo after police fired tear gas to break up the crowd.

On Tuesday, chief prosecutor Hisham Barakat referred 16 protesters to trial, alleging they belong to the Muslim Brotherhood. The statement says the defendants confessed to receiving money to plot the chaos outside the stadium in order to help destabilize the country. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capital punishment

Pakistan executes a dozen criminals

Pakistani officials on Tuesday executed 12 people in the country's single-largest day of executions since a moratorium on the death penalty was lifted in December, officials said.

The executions are sure to raise concerns over due process and oversight of the country's troubled criminal-justice system, which rights groups say often does little to protect defendants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

End of life

France approves bill to keep very ill patients sedated

France's lower house of Parliament approved a bill Tuesday that allows doctors to keep terminally ill patients sedated until death comes — a move sure to ignite more debate about end-of-life practices.

The proposed measure passed by a vote of 436 to 34. It will now have to be considered by the Senate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penn State

Police investigate fraternity over nude images

A fraternity at Penn State University has been suspended as police investigate allegations that members used a secret Facebook page to post photos of nude women, some of whom appear unconscious.

Police say some posts are also related to hazing and drug deals. The investigation is ongoing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Airbnb. Warren Buffett fans have shot at suite deal

Some fortunate Berkshire Hathaway investors at this year's annual meeting will get the chance to sleep in the same bedroom Warren Buffett did as a boy.

The home-sharing service Airbnb is offering a free three-night stay at the Omaha home around the May 2 meeting as a way to promote its services. Shareholders who want to stay at the three-bedroom house must submit short essays and prove they own Berkshire stock.

The crowd that fills Omaha's downtown arena and several overflow rooms to listen to Buffett always books every room in the region. Buffett's childhood home is about 15 minutes away from the arena.

Buffett's family started living in the home at 2501 N. 53rd Street in central Omaha in 1936. Buffett lived there with his parents and two sisters for several years before his father was first elected to Congress in 1942.

Buffett launched one of his first business ventures selling bottles of Coke to neighbours for a nickel after buying a six-pack for 25 cents, and he bought his first stock in 1942 while living there. Buffett's mother continued to live in the home until about 1966.

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Rivals accuse Keurig of trying to shut them out


Single-serve coffee pods move along a conveyor belt in Lincoln, Calif., for packaging at the Rogers Family Company, one of more than a dozen businesses suing Keurig over what they claim are unfair efforts to shut out competing single-serve coffee rivals.
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Competition. Upgraded coffeemaker from industry leader designed to reject pods made by rivals

The environmental battle over coffee giant Keurig Green Mountain's $5-billion-a-year plastic pods is heating up after the single-serve coffee leader introduced a new coffeemaker that rejects pods made by rivals. More than a dozen manufacturers and other businesses are suing over what they claim is Keurig's unfair efforts to shut out rival pods.

Consumers complained about having to use only Keurig-affiliated brands, and environmentalists fumed about the steady stream of plastic pods to U.S. landfills.

Keurig has pledged to come up with a fully recyclable pod of its own by 2020.

One reason Keurig is locked into plastic right now is that nothing else seems to keep the coffee inside the pods fresh like it does, said Monique Oxender, the company's chief sustainability officer. Keurig is seeking more environmentally friendly materials, she said.

Jon Rogers of California-based Rogers Family Coffee, whose soy and corn byproduct-based pods are among those the new Keurig machine is engineered to reject, isn't waiting for the lawsuits to work their way through the courts. His family-run business recently produced a small black gizmo it calls the Freedom Clip, which they say lets consumers rig a Keurig 2.0 coffee machine so it accepts rival brands. Rogers mails them for free.

Rogers is also about to start distribution of biodegradable coffee pods marked with special ink that he says will fool the lock-out mechanism on the Keurig 2.0.

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VOICES

WHY DO WE DYE?

While we probably evolved to be attracted to colourful foods, some of the artificial tints in the products we buy might be harming our health



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Much of the food and drink we ingest is dyed with artificial colouring. And while some dyes are innocuous, others, such as Red 3 used in glacé cherries, have been shown to cause cancer in animals. ALL PHOTOS: ISTOCK

We love our colourful food, and for good reason.

Our primate ancestors are thought to have evolved to see reds because it helped them identify the nutritious red-tinged fruits and foliage in their environment.

Today, however, colour dyes play on our evolved desires — often to our detriment. A pack of red licorice has all of the brilliance and none of the nutrition, aside from the sugar, of a pomegranate or a raspberry.

St. Patrick's Day saw drinks, food and even bodies of water dyed green. How much green beer did you drink last night?

Why are we still dyeing our products when there seems to be an increasing dislike of dye and fake colouring, particularly among Millennials? Dyes in foods and other products are often unhealthy and usually unnecessary, and we need to put pressure on companies to approach dyeing with a more critical eye and consider halting the practice altogether.

People have loved colouring their food and possessions throughout history, says Darren Dahl, professor of marketing at UBC's Sauder School of Business, who specializes in consumer behaviour.

"Colour can impact emotions, so it's a critical issue for companies to think about when they design their products," Dahl says. Many companies even hire colour consultants to keep them on trend.

Every time I buy dairy products, I have to spend a long time sorting through artificially orange cheese and yellow butter to find undyed versions, and they're often more expensive. I doubt most shoppers are aware how many of their foods contain dye.

For some products, the tides are turning. In response to a petition in 2013, Kraft started offering a naturally coloured version of its iconic bright-orange macaroni and cheese. Hawkins Cheezies should take note.

Children's products have also grabbed the spotlight, generating demand for dye-free baby products, such as baby Tylenol. Other dyed products, such as butter, go largely unnoticed.

Ignorance seems to be bliss. People much preferred dyed to undyed cheese snacks, according to one Cornell University study.

"People ranked the taste as bland and said that they weren't much fun to eat," said Brian Wansink, a professor at Cornell University and director of the school's Food and Brand Lab. It's hard to say whether this reaction came about because the study participants were already intimately familiar with dyed cheese puffs. To them, bright orange might have seemed more "natural" because that's what they were familiar with.

While Millennials and other demographics are increasingly buying products with more natural and organic-looking colours, they're still not the majority, says Dahl.

"There are a lot of people that just don't care," he says.

Evidence has been mounting that many common dyes in foods and other products are unhealthy — some outright poisonous.

Many studies have shown that Red 3, used in glacé cherries, causes cancer in animals. One 1997 study showed that it damaged the DNA in human breast cells. Numerous studies on microbes and rodents have shown that their DNA is damaged when exposed to Yellow 5, a ubiquitous dye used in original Kraft Dinner. Both pigments are permitted in Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

In January, a Consumer Reports study suggested the high levels of caramel colouring in some soft drinks was carcinogenic.

Dyes have been shown to cause behavioural changes, too. Seven years ago, the Center for Science in the Public Interest unsuccessfully petitioned the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to ban artificial food dyes because of their connection to behavioural problems in children, including ADHD.

Not all dyes are created equal, however. They're a rainbow of different compounds, some of which are totally innocuous. Not every dye causes cancer. Still, it's worth stopping to question why we eat dyes, use them in our clothes, cars and packaging and dump them into our environment. Do you need dye in your life?

If Canadians vote with their wallets, product makers will listen.

Companies will stop producing dyed products if society demands it, says Dahl: "If people aren't going to buy the products with the dyes, they will stop making them."

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Inclusive condos good, inclusive neighbourhoods better



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Something pretty amazing in the world of social outreach happened in Toronto last week, and it caught the attention of homeless advocates across the country. A 106-bed shelter for women and children was slated to close at the end of March, but a developer stepped in and offered space in a boutique condo in a trendy neighbourhood.

The news was celebrated around the city, especially in the community of Leslieville, where 50,000 people signed a petition demanding the shelter stay open.

This is great news on the surface and something all Canadian cities can learn from, says DJ Larkin, a lawyer with Vancouver rights group Pivot Legal Society. It proves that gentrification doesn't necessarily need to come at the expense of marginalized people.

But, she says, planners need to make sure mixed-income neighbourhoods still offer other affordable services for low-income residents, or else those residents will be pushed out regardless.

"It's not that development in itself is a bad thing," Larkin says.

"But trying to create these neighbourhoods out of nothing, that are forced mix, can be problematic."

What she's talking about is the continued need for places such as laundromats, drop-in centres, affordable grocery stores and supportive housing — establishments that historically disappear as neighbourhoods gentrify and begin attracting high-end businesses.

"Even if there's low-income housing and shelters, there are less services that people can access and afford," Larkin says. "You may have a roof over your head but you can't do your laundry, you can't buy the food in your neighbourhood, food banks may start disappearing."

Her case in point is Vancouver's Woodward's project — a massive development in the Downtown Eastside that mixes high- and low-income residences.

While it has become a new model for providing social housing in an upscale development, it has also helped push out affordable shops and usher in a new wave of expensive stores.

Larkin says it's encouraging to know that residents of Leslieville rallied behind the shelter and support having low-income residents in their neighbourhood. But she worries that residents haven't considered all the implications of living in a mixed-income neighbourhood, and that to be truly inclusive, they need to advocate for all of the services that low-income residents need.

"Development is necessary, and we know it's going to happen," Larkin says. "It's a good thing ... to have community members with higher incomes advocate for (low-income residents). That's a really good starting place."

But her kudos comes with a caution: before municipalities take on more projects like this, let's do some research into how these developments affect the people we mean to help.

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SCENE 2

Big Brother is here

Third season. A jock, a plus-sized model, a self-appointed villain and a comedy writer vie for reality TV glory

Plenty of Big Brother houseguests have made a name for themselves by putting a proverbial foot in their mouth.

Big Brother Canada contestant Brittnee Blair, however, gamely inserts her entire fist in her mouth.

The curvaceous Calgary native displays her odd hidden talent while meeting with media in advance of the homegrown reality show's third season.

"Sure, why not?" Blair says when asked whether she'd perform the trick on the spot.

It's all about standing out, after all.

The 25-year-old plus-size model is among six reality show junkies Global has announced for the series this year.

Others include Sarah Hanlon, 27, an aspiring comedy writer from Toronto; Zach Oleynik, 22, a varsity quarterback who's proud to be Regina's first houseguest; Calgary native Ashleigh Wood, 21; Bobby Hlad, 26, a rock climbing instructor from Oakville; and history student Jordan Parhar, 21, of Cloverdale, B.C., who has appointed himself Season 3's villain.

"Bring it on," says the slim, bespectacled, self-described nerd. "That's the beauty of Big Brother — everyone thinks they're the hero, but I am going into this game knowing I'm probably going to be the villain because I'm willing to do whatever it takes to win this game. I'm willing to lie, cheat and backstab out of my butt until I get to the end."

As resident jock, Oleynik expects to be an early target and says he plans to hide his physicality until later in the game, a 24/7 challenge in which houseguests compete in a series of mental, physical and social competitions.

He admitted it'll be hard to stop from getting "right into the action," noting he's competitive by nature. "I was the guy that wanted to be on the student council and just represent people," Oleynik says. "I think that naturally I was always a leader on my sports teams and within school."

As for whether he has any tricks up his sleeve, there's a strong likelihood he'll be removing his sleeves — along with his entire shirt. "I'm someone who will probably roll around with my shirt off a bit," he admits. "But that's just who I am."

Others say they plan a more subtle game. Hanlon notes she's "always been a weirdo" but can also come across as goofy and loud. Her strategy is to play down her age and get people laughing.

"I come off really sweet and innocent and kind of like I maybe don't care about a lot of things too much, but I (do) deep down and so I'll do anything to win," says Hanlon, who said she'll tackle each day in the house like an improv class. More houseguests will be revealed Wednesday on ET Canada. This year, contenders will be housed in a newly renovated Big Brother Canada set outfitted with cameras and microphones to capture their every move.

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At stake

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The third season of Big Brother Canada premieres Monday on Global.



From left: Sarah Hanlon, Jordan Parhar, Bobby Hlad, Zach Oleynik, Brittnee Blair, and Ashleigh Wood

GOSSIP

Gabbana strikes back



NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood



In a followup interview with Italy's Corriere della Sera, Stefano Gabbana is just plain shocked that Elton John is boycotting Dolce and Gabbana after their outrageous comments about gay parents having "synthetic" children. "I mean, you preach understanding, tolerance and then you attack others?" the designer says. "It's an authoritarian way of seeing the world. Agree with me or, if you don't, I'll attack you. I even posted the word 'Fascist!' on his Instagram."

Banks makes shocking revelations in Playboy interview

In Azealia Banks' Playboy interview, the rapper reveals that when she was 17, she dated a 43-year-old who physically abused her. "He choked me and beat me up, and of course you should not be f–ing with a man who puts his hands on you, but I was stupid and young." She also says she hates everything about America and wants to leave the U.S. "I hate fat white Americans," she says. "All the people who are crunched into the middle of America..."

EMILY LAURENCE/ METRO







No Place to Hide is a documentary film that traces Rehtaeh Parsons' case from the alleged sexual assault to her suicide and the media storm that followed. CONTRIBUTED

Women have strong presence at Hot Docs

Documentary. Lineup features films by prominent directors like Rama Rau

Documentaries about bullied teen Rehtaeh Parsons and former Newfoundland and Labrador premier Danny Williams are among the high-profile titles heading to a Hot Docs festival bolstered by a record number of female directors.

Hot Docs president Chris McDonald says 40 per cent of the directors this year are women. That includes Rama Rau's No Place to Hide, about Parsons' heartbreaking case, and Kristina Goolsby and Ashley York's opening night film Tig, about comic Tig Notaro's defiant spirit and humour in the face of a cancer diagnosis.

Female filmmakers have always been prominent at the festival, but McDonald says this year they seem particularly strong.

"Technology has allowed documentary to be much cheaper, faster and easier-to-make film and I think maybe because there are fewer gatekeepers green-lighting films — gatekeepers who may be male in some cases, probably in most cases — it's a much more democratic process," McDonald mused.

Organizers announced a slate of 210 films from 45 countries Tuesday, many of them centred on comedy or music. That includes Stay Awhile, a portrait of the Canadian '70s pop group the Bells, who organizers said will reunite for a special performance 30 years after topping the charts.

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Quoted

"Talent rises to the surface and there's nobody there to determine, based on gender or other issues, who gets past the goalposts."

Chris McDonald, Hot Docs president

SXSW. Road to fame begins with Luke Skywalker haircut

Eden Brolin is storming SXSW with I Dream Too Much, a charming indie from first-time director Katie Cokinos about a recent college grad (Brolin) in upstate New York caring for an aunt instead of hitting Brazil with her friends.

We've given her our Breakthrough questionnaire.

Performance that inspired her to become an actress: I wanted to be an actress when I was really young. I grew up watching some incredible films, but I also chose to watch the films that were happening at the time, and I was super into Star Wars. I loved Star Wars as a kid. I even cut my hair like Luke Skywalker when I was six years old. So when I was a young kid, Star Wars: Episode I was coming out, and I saw Natalie Portman as Queen Amidala, and I flipped. I was like, "That's what I have to do with my life." That's the first thing that comes to mind, honestly. NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD



Eden Brolin in I Dream Too Much. CONTRIBUTED



Movies

Paramount banks on thriller based on true crime book

Paramount Pictures has secured the worldwide distribution rights to true crime thriller Captive, starring David Oyelowo of Selma and Kate Mara.

Captive retells true events which occurred in Atlanta on March 11, 2005, with the film based on the book Unlikely Angel: The Untold Story Of The Atlanta Hostage Hero by Ashley Smith with Stacy Mattingly.

The plot tells the story of meth-addicted single mom Ashley Smith who struggles to overcome her drug addiction to regain custody of her daughter, but is taken hostage in her apartment by an escaped convict. AFP

Release date

According to Deadline, the studio has already set a Sept. 18, 2015 release date for the film, which is directed by Jerry Jameson.

Mom and Me a personal take on homelessness

Other Canadian projects include Lena Macdonald's Mom and Me, an account of her longtime struggle to rescue her crack-addicted homeless mother from the streets of Toronto.

The 32-year-old says she started looking for her mom when she was about 14, tracking her through homeless shelters, back alleys and crack houses. She was 17 when she decided to put it all on film.

"Both of my parents had been filmmakers and my mom made films about things like prostitution and cocaine, so for me it was a way to make her proud and a way to connect with her," said Macdonald.

"It was also a way for me to distance myself and have some objectivity and sort of think, 'I'm not in this, I'm watching it.'"

It was a dangerous endeavour, but Macdonald credits the homeless community with protecting and guiding her. Still, there were some very close calls, including a near abduction.

"I was really fortunate. There are so many mother-daughter pairs down there on the streets, mother-daughter prostitute pairs. I was so lucky that I had everybody looking out for me and I had pride and confidence and I did OK."

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Orlando gets sophisticated

Florida. A city long associated with theme parks is experiencing a cultural boom thanks to the talented chefs and performers who call it home


Wine Enthusiast magazine recently named Orlando one the top wine travel spots in the U.S. ISTOCK

Long derided as a cultural wasteland, Orlando's restaurant and performing arts scene has grown up in recent years, and it is starting to attract attention from American arbiters of taste.

Wine Enthusiast magazine recently named Orlando as one of the United States' top wine travel destinations, and The New York Times singled out the city's food scene when it placed the city at No. 13 on its list of 52 Places to Go in 2015.

The rankings barely mentioned what the city is best known for: theme parks.

"Orlando was very synonymous, and still is, with the Mouse, and Disney, and people didn't really look outside of Disney," said James Petrakis, owner of The Ravenous Pig in the tony Orlando suburb, Winter Park. "Now with some of these newer restaurants, people are looking at some of the smaller suburbs outside Disney for a true local culture."

Adding to the buzz about the cultural scene: a new $500-million performing arts centre downtown, and an international hunt for a new symphony conductor that's attracted some well-known names.

"We've gotten some national validation for things that we already thought were cool, but we thought they were cool just because it was something different for us. But now we know it's cool here and it would be cool if it were in New York or San Francisco," said Kamrin Rife, who, with her husband John and others, opened the East End Market. It houses a collection of artisanal bakers, coffee brewers, sushi chefs and a Basque restaurant.

Orlando always had a strong theatre scene, thanks to the many actors who work at theme parks, and also several acclaimed annual festivals, such as the Bach Festival of Winter Park and a fringe theatre festival. But the construction of the Dr. Phillips Center, financed partially with taxes on tourists, gives the city a world-class venue for local performing arts groups and national touring acts.

The hunt for a new musical director has led to sold-out shows as each of five finalists performs. Audiences get to vote for their favourite in what locals are joking is the classical music equivalent of American Idol. The finalists include Eric Jacobsen, a member of Brooklyn Rider, one of the best known and most cutting-edge string quartets around, and Mexican-American conductor Alondra de la Parra.


The Dr. Phillips Center has given performers a world-class venue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"All the candidates see the cultural community as on the cusp of something great," said David Schillhammer, executive director of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra.

Orlando used to be known as the chain-restaurant capital, a place where corporate restaurant companies would try out new concepts on the regular flow of tourists, and where every chain seemed to have planted a flag along the tourist corridor.

There always have been top chefs drawn to the kitchens at Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando and nearby resorts, but it has only been in the last decade that food entrepreneurs catering to locals have flourished, thanks to the low cost of setting up in Orlando, a vibrant food truck scene and the growth of local farms providing fresh meats and produce.

In the process, those gastronomical efforts have produced seven James Beard Best Chef of the South semi-finalists from central Florida in the past three years.

A decade ago, "the perception of Orlando was that there were a lot of chains and there weren't a lot of people taking risks, and there weren't a lot of restaurants trying to push the envelope or be different," Petrakis said.

"Now there is competition. There are a lot of young cooks who are getting good training. Now, they're pushing the envelope. There's getting to be so much competition now, that everyone is really trying to up their game. That's only going to generate better restaurants, service." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More accolades

- **Wise Bread.** A website dedicated to penny-pinchers, calls Orlando the top city for frugal foodies in the U.S.
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New

Le Méridien Versailles gets a makeover



Montreal's Le Méridien Versailles just finished renos to its 105 rooms in the heart of the city's Golden Square Mile, with new furnishings and decor, new TVs and docking stations, low-flow toilets and more. The hallways got in on the new look as well. Rates start at $129. Starwood Preferred Guests get 1,000 points per stay, plus free Wi-Fi. Mention promo code RENO2015 at lemeridienversailles.com. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

How to avoid communication breakdowns in the workplace

Tips. Get your points across in the most effective way possible

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Broken telephone is a fun game to play — but not so much in the world of professionals.

Miscommunications can lead to mistakes and poorly produced work, as well as sour relationships and workplace environments. Moreover, it can become time-consuming and difficult to correct the error, especially if you didn't realize the other person misunderstood what you said in the first place.

The following tips are applicable to more than the workplace, so keep these in mind for the future.

Don't beat around the bush

This goes for both conversations and emails. Start with the subject you wish to discuss, then elaborate.

For example, "I want to talk to you about taking two weeks off for vacation next month" would be a good way to start, then follow with "I have accumulated this many vacation hours and I want to check with you that the team will be fine while I'm away."

In emails, make sure the subject line is clear and specific.

Do your research beforehand

Don't start a conversation without knowing all the details.

For example, if you want to discuss attending a conference, know when and where it is, how much would it cost, and who will be attending.

This allows you to keep work conversations efficient.

This also applies to emails: if there is too much back and forth in an email, you risk burying important information in the chain.

Summarize

End conversations with a quick summary. For example, say "So just to make sure we're on the same page, you're going to research this and I'm going to draft the report due next week." If the other person was unsure about something during the conversation or forgot, this is a great way to clarify everything.

Write a followup email

Miscommunications are less likely to happen in written communication, since everything is documented and people are usually able to reread any info they missed. Not only will you have a record to refer to later, it's helpful to summarize important meetings and conversations. Just a few bullet points will do. Make sure to send the email to everyone that would have attended the meeting, so if a colleague missed it, they will be updated.

Style matters

If appropriate, consider using bold or italics in emails.

- This will be most helpful if your email has multiple sections and you can emphasize the headings to clearly distinguish these sections.
- It can also be helpful to bold or italicize a few important things; for example, if an important report is due on a certain date, bold it.



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There are plenty of ways to make sure your meetings actually feel productive. ISTOCK

Make the very most of those meeting minutes

A meeting request pops up in your calendar. "Oh great, another meeting," you think to yourself as you drag your feet to the boardroom.

People can often feel like work meetings are a waste of time, with colleagues talking in circles and repeating the same facts as previous weeks. Here are some tips to boost the productivity of your meetings:

Develop a meeting agenda
If you are the one who has called for the meeting, make sure you lay out an agenda of what needs to be covered. This will give the attendees an opportunity to prepare ahead of time for the meeting, which will likely result in higher productivity.

Come prepared
Don't show up for a meeting empty-handed. Take a look at the agenda and find out what you are required to bring to the meeting. Bring any information that people may ask you to provide from your department. Also, bring along any questions for other attendees that you want answered.

Stay on task
Without an agenda or a mediator, a meeting can spiral off task pretty quickly. Assign one person to be the moderator of the meeting — they will be responsible for watching the clock and ensuring the team follows the agenda. As each topic on the agenda is discussed and answered, they will be responsible for checking it off the list.

Plan your next steps
What are the next steps that will need to take place after the meeting? End every meeting with an action plan.

Meeting minutes
At the end of the meeting, the moderator hosting the meeting should follow up with all attendees with the "meeting minutes," or key takeaways. Consider emailing these meeting minutes to all the attendees so they have it documented and available as a refresher.

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Don't be shellfish — share the shrimp

Recipe. Skillet Shrimp with Roasted Red Pepper Lemon Sauce is a nice alternative to typical weeknight meal options



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Many people like to save shellfish like shrimp for special meals or occasions.

The cost might not be within your dinner budget and that's understandable. If you're an avid grocery shopper, be sure to keep your eyes on the prices of those frozen bags of shrimp.

They do get reduced and because they are frozen they are great to have on hand.

Thawing them in the refrigerator in their bag in a bowl overnight is one of the best ways to thaw them so that their texture isn't affected.

You can also choose from a variety of sizes — large, jumbo, colossal, medium, smaller and baby shrimp as well.

What you may want to look at is the number per pound on the bag to find out how many shrimp you will be getting.

I find the 21 to 25 count per pound is a great fit for families of four — everyone gets about six.

To make an impression, you can also go the other way and find the eight to 10 shrimp per pound bags, which give you two big shrimp per person.



This recipe serves four. EMILY RICHARDS

In this Skillet Shrimp with Roasted Red Pepper Lemon Sauce dish, the sauce comes together easily and it is a perfect supper to serve over rice or pasta.

The shrimp is equally delicious served on its own as an appetizer with some crusty bread to sop up the sauce.

If you want to change things up, try using scallops instead of shrimp or use a combination of both.

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Pinch hot pepper flakes
- 1 cup (250 ml) diced roasted red peppers
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) lemon juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) drained small capers
- 1 lb (454 g) large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- Pinch fresh ground black pepper
- 3 cups (750 ml) cooked brown or basmati rice

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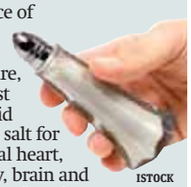
1. In a large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-low heat and cook garlic and chili flakes for 1 minute. Add roasted red peppers, parsley, lemon juice and capers, stir to coat and bring to boil.

2. Add shrimp and black pepper; toss to combine. Cook stirring 5 minutes or until shrimp are pink and firm.

3. Spoon shrimp and sauce over rice to serve.

Health

More reasons to avoid excess salt



ISTOCK

Even in the absence of high blood pressure, it's best to avoid excess salt for optimal heart, kidney, brain and vascular function, say researchers at the University of Delaware in the U.S. in a paper reviewing recent research and clinical data.

Excess salt can reduce functioning of the inner lining of the blood vessels, which plays a role in immunity and blood clotting.

It could hinder vasodilation — which is the widening of blood vessels — and impair the functioning of tiny veins, regardless of your blood pressure measurements, according to the researchers.

As far as the heart is concerned, salt could help you build up too much muscle in the wall of the heart's principal chamber, which leads to diminished pumping power.

Too much salt could even make you too sensitive, affecting sympathetic neurons in your brain and make you easily surprised at external stimuli.

Reduced kidney function is the only aspect of eating too much salt that's associated with a small increase in blood pressure in the study, which was published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology. AFP

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Time to tackle that project in your house that has been bugging you for too long and you're not sure where to go for help? Looking for skilled professionals to help with home maintenance or renovation projects? Look no further! Below are qualified outlets available to help you out.

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NHL

Kadri to have hearing for head shot on Fraser

Maple Leafs centre Nazem Kadri will have a hearing with the NHL's department of player safety to discuss his hit to the head of Edmonton's Matt Fraser.

Kadri skated by Fraser behind Toronto's net and hit the Oilers forward in the head with his left shoulder. Fraser left the game, and Kadri was given a two-minute minor penalty.

"I felt like I kind of tried to just squeeze by him there but then again things happen quick," Kadri said Monday night in Edmonton.

Kadri is a repeat offender under the league's CBA as he was suspended three games last season for a hit to the head of Minnesota Wild goaltender Niklas Backstrom.

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MLB

Darvish undergoes surgery on elbow

Yu Darvish had his season-ending elbow surgery Tuesday, when the torn ligament from the Texas Rangers ace's right arm was replaced with a tendon from his forearm.

The Rangers said Dr. James Andrews reported elbow ligament-replacement surgery went as expected, with no complications.

Darvish will rejoin the Rangers in Arizona within a few days, and is expected to remain in Texas for rehab during the regular season.

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Orridge named the new commissioner

CFL. Longtime sports executive: League 'has always held a special place in my heart'

The league that blazed the trail for black quarterbacks in pro football now has its first black commissioner.

Longtime sports executive Jeffrey Orridge will take over the CFL's top job next month. He succeeds Mark Cohon, who stepped down in January after eight years on the job.

Orridge leaves his position as executive director of sports and general manager of Olympics at CBC to take the CFL helm, becoming the first black commissioner among North America's top five pro sports organizations — the CFL, NFL, NBA, NHL and Major League Baseball.

"I'm fully cognizant of that and fully embrace it," Orridge said Tuesday after being introduced in Toronto. "I'm very proud of where I've come from, my background, my heritage ... it's a remarkable thing that we've come this far but it's really been on the shoulders of everybody else who's come before me.

"I don't think myself as a black sports executive, I don't consider myself the black commissioner. I consider myself the 13th commissioner of the CFL with an obligation and responsibility to carry on and build on my 12 predecessors and all their work."

Growing up, the 54-year-old New York native fondly remembers his father praising the CFL for allowing Warren Moon to play quarterback when no NFL team would. Moon starred with the Edmonton Eskimos from 1978 to 1983 before heading south and earning nine Pro Bowl nominations over 17 seasons with Houston, Minnesota, Seattle and Kansas City.



Mark Cohon
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"My father and I when I was growing up were watching a CFL game and he said to me, 'This is why I love Canada, Jeffrey,'" Orridge said. "I didn't quite understand and he pointed to Warren Moon and said, 'If you're qualified, if you're capable, if you deserve it you will get an opportunity in Canada and Canada is truly the land of opportunity.'

"That's why the CFL has always held a special place in my heart. It represented to me what Canada was all about. It was about opportunity and access and fairness."

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New CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge
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Meet the commish

"I'm going to make it one of my goals in the first 90 days of my tenure to visit every stadium, every partner, every environment where the CFL is."

Jeffrey Orridge said his first priority as commissioner is to connect with CFL fans

"Mark Cohon did a great job for the league. From what I hear from Jeff, he's going to be the guy that takes us to the next level."

Calgary Stampeders president Gordon Norrie

- Orridge and his family have lived in Canada since 2007. He's about to become a Canadian citizen.
- The Harvard Law School graduate has attended the last three Grey Cups.
- As part of his role at CBC, Orridge oversaw rights acquisitions, including the Olympics and the upcoming Pan Am Games.

Dumba and Wild fend off Predators in overtime

Matt Dumba scored 22 seconds into overtime to give the Minnesota Wild a 3-2 win over the Nashville Predators on Tuesday night.

Charlie Coyle had the other two goals for Minnesota, which won for the third time in four games.

Roman Josi scored both goals for the Predators, who have lost three of four and five straight at home.

Just after overtime began, Zach Parise left a drop pass for Dumba at the top of the right circle, where he ripped a slap shot past goalie Pekka Rinne.

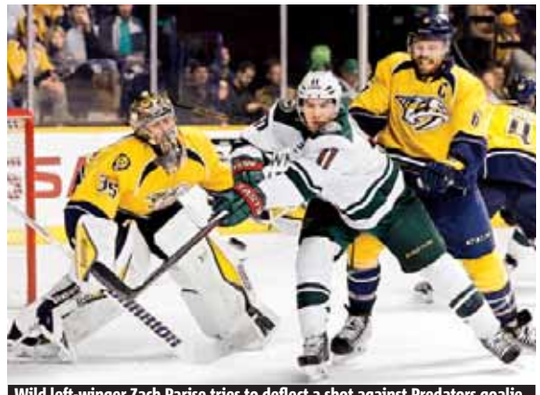
Coyle scored the game's first goal at 19:02 of the first period.

Jordan Leopold's shot from the right dot hit traffic in front of Rinne. Coyle was standing in front and outmuscled Predators defenceman Ryan Ellis and tapped in the rebound for his ninth goal.

Josi tied it 1-1 at 13:41 of the second off of a nice pass from rookie Filip Forsberg.

Less than a minute later, Josi took a pass from Viktor Stalberg at the top of the left circle and beat goalie Devan Dubnyk to the far side with a wrist shot.

Coyle tied it 2-2 at 13:19 of the third when he beat Rinne with a slap shot from the right side. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Wild left-winger Zach Parise tries to deflect a shot against Predators goalie Pekka Rinne and defenceman Shea Weber on Tuesday in Nashville.
MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

NFL. Borland retires: Football not worth risk

Wary of head trauma, San Francisco 49ers linebacker Chris Borland is leaving football. And not even the promise of NFL stardom and piles of money could change his mind.

So now, after one stellar rookie season, he is retiring at age 24.

The 49ers announced his decision Monday night, without offering specifics. But Borland told ESPN's Outside the Lines earlier in the day he wants to do "what's best for my health."

Borland had a team-leading 108 tackles as a rookie, emerging as a punishing defender. He also had a sack and two interceptions.

"From what I've researched and what I've experienced, I don't think it's worth the risk," Borland said in the interview. "I feel largely the same, as sharp as I've ever been. For me, it's wanting to be proactive. I'm concerned that if you wait till you have symptoms, it's too late."

Team general manager Trent Baalke said the team was surprised by his move and called Borland a "consummate professional."



Chris Borland AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

Borland's big announcement comes less than a week after five-time All Pro linebacker Patrick Willis walked away from football. Borland replaced Willis in the starting lineup after his October toe injury required surgery.

The NFL, like the 49ers, said it respects Borland's decision, adding that "playing any sport is a personal decision." The league stressed that "football has never been safer," noting progress with rule changes, tackling techniques, equipment, protocols and medical care. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cycling

Armstrong urged to drop charity ride

International Cycling Union president Brian Cookson urged Lance Armstrong on Tuesday to abandon "disrespectful" plans to ride part of the Tour de France route a day before the professional peloton. The disgraced cyclist responded by insisting he was "honoured and humbled" to be invited on the unofficial charity ride. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer

Police chief takes responsibility for death of 96 fans

David Duckenfield, the police commander in charge of the Hillsborough soccer stadium on the day of the 1989 disaster, says his failure to close a tunnel was the "direct cause" of the deaths of 96 fans. New inquests are being held after the original verdicts of accidental death were overturned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pouliot a grizzled vet among Oilers



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As the Edmonton rebuild continues, it's prudent to turn our attention to those who will carry the youngsters until they find their footing. Yes, the Oilers have a core of players who are still technically young and at the same time experienced — Taylor Hall, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Jordan Eberle — but those guys still haven't played an NHL playoff game and it's not happening this year.

Benoit Pouliot, on the other hand, is slightly older and has a wealth of post-season games under his belt.

The big left-winger has been hot lately, with four points in his past three games. Overall, he's enjoying a pretty successful offensive season by his standards, albeit one that has been truncated by foot injuries. Nevertheless, he's the type of possession-positive skater that is so in vogue these days and it's not just because he's a decent player on a bad team: Pouliot also held similar stats with the New York Rangers last season. In fact, Pouliot was a pleasant surprise for the Blueshirts as they marched all the way to the Stanley Cup final, ultimately falling to the L.A. Kings in what was practically a pre-ordained result.

That was actually Pouliot's second great playoff run, the first coming in 2010 when he was a bottom-six player for the Montreal Canadiens when the Habs made a Cinderella charge to the conference final on the back of Jaroslav Halak.



Oilers forward Benoit Pouliot has 16 goals, eight assists and is a respectable minus-1 in 46 games this season. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

A valuable asset

"He's the type of possession-positive skater that is so in vogue these days and it's not just because he's a decent player on a bad team: Pouliot also held similar stats with the New York Rangers last season."

What really makes Pouliot's story interesting is how he pulled his career back on track. He was only in Montreal in the first place because he never caught on with the Minnesota Wild, the franchise that drafted him fourth overall in 2005 — one selection before Montreal took Carey Price and several before the Kings nabbed Anze Kopitar. At the time, Pouliot was seen as a skilled forward with size, but raw. It took him a long time to figure out the grind of being a pro — too long for Minnesota's liking, as it turned out.

But from a player who easily could have been a colossal bust, Pouliot has turned things around and now he's the type of player who can tell the youngsters what it takes to make it and succeed. No matter how low the Oilers feel right now, they'll need guys like that going forward and luckily, Pouliot is under contract until 2019.

Hamburglar strikes again as Sens quell Hurricanes in OT

Mark Stone scored the winning goal 4:46 into overtime, and Andrew Hammond became the second goalie in NHL history to allow two goals or fewer in each of his first 12 starts as the Ottawa Senators beat the Carolina Hurricanes 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Hammond (11-0-1) matched the record set by Boston's Frank Brimsek, who also went 12 consecutive games in 1938 without giving up more than two goals.

Hammond made 35 saves to outduel Carolina's Anton Khudobin, who stopped 31 shots but lost for the first time in six career appearances against Ottawa.

On Tuesday

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Elias Lindholm gave Carolina a 1-0 lead in the first period with his 15th goal. Patrick Wiercioch tied it in the second for Ottawa with his second.

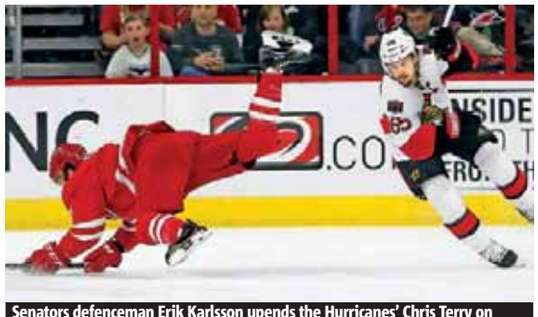
The Senators are 12-1-1 since a 6-3 home loss to the Hurricanes on Feb. 16. Carolina also beat Ottawa 3-2 on Jan. 17.

The Hurricanes led 1-0 after the first period despite being outshot 10-7.

Lindholm scored on a rush at 12:59 of the first, beating Hammond over the left shoulder with a drive from the top of the right circle. A cross-ice pass gave Jeff Skinner his 100th career assist.

The Senators outshot Carolina 16-6 in the second period and got even.

Wiercioch made it 1-1 with a power-play goal at 13:22, firing a one-timer past Khudobin from the top of the right circle. It came on the 37th assist of the season from Erik Karlsson, the NHL's top-scoring defenceman with 55 points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Senators defenceman Erik Karlsson upends the Hurricanes' Chris Terry on Tuesday night in Raleigh, N.C. KARL B DEBLAKER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washing the winter away

JIL MCINTOSH
For Metro



Keeping your vehicle clean will help keep it in top shape for as long as possible. SHUTTERSTOCK

If you want to keep your car in top shape for as long as possible, seasonal maintenance is a must. With warmer weather hopefully around the corner, there are several things you should do to get your car ready for driving in the spring.

If you use winter tires, they need to be replaced, but watch the weather reports first.

The tires are not just about snow. Instead, winter tires also provide better traction on dry pavement than all-season tires any time the temperature drops below 7 C. That's partly because their rubber compound is softer, which also means they will wear faster on warm pavement if you leave them on too long.

If you have spent the winter on all-season tires, it's time to check them. Look for bulges on the sidewall and worn areas that could indicate the need for an alignment. If you look closely, you will see rubber bars, called tread wear indicators, running perpendicular to the tread. If they are close to the surface, your tires have insufficient tread and need replacing.

While driving during the winter, the undercarriage of your car has accumulated salt and grime, which can cause corrosion and the resulting costly repairs to the suspension. Using a pressure washer, or a lot of coins at the do-it-yourself car wash, spray under the vehicle to clean off this layer of grime. It may take a while to get all of it out.

Repair shops and dealerships offer seasonal check-ups, and it's a good idea to invest in one. The technician will check such things as the condition of engine belts and hoses, how well the coolant will stand up to hot weather, the battery's health, the condition of the brakes, all the fluid levels, and, if necessary, change the oil.

Follow these steps and your car will not only last longer, but will be safer, too.

Replacing wipers

- Wiper blades take a beating in winter and should be replaced any time they start to streak. Remember to check the rear-window blade on SUVs.
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- **Engine.** 3.6-litre V6 (290-295), 5.7-litre V8 (360)
- **Transmissions.** Eight-speed automatic
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Market Position

• Positioned at the more off-road capable end of the midsize SUV spectrum.
• As a brand, Dodge is trying to become performance oriented, and more desired by younger buyers.
• One of the few midsize SUVs available with a big V8 for even more towing and hooligan possibilities. Also so far the only vehicle endorsed by Ron Burgundy.

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• Optional HEMI V8 features FuelSaver MDS, which deactivates 4 cylinders when full power not required.
• Standard third-row seats. Second row can be optioned with heated seats.
• Available with Chrysler's biggest and brightest 8.4-inch touch-screen display.
• New modern-looking front with LED daytime running lights.



A heated steering wheel and top end tech is offered up front.

Points

• Current generation debuted in 2011, on the new Jeep Grand Cherokee platform, with a major mid-cycle update completed for model-year 2014.
• Heavy speculation that Chrysler will discontinue Durango after 2015 model year, even though recent and attractive update a hit with lots of buyers, particularly in the U.S.

Durango is a soulful performer

Review. Big HEMI V8 makes this Dodge a smooth, enjoyable ride

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Dodge brand is earmarked to concentrate in the future on cars and crossovers with an edge, leaving the serious SUV thing to Jeep.

With the Durango being the Dodge version of the Jeep Grand Cherokee, it looks like Durango might be the odd man out in a future Dodge product plan shakeout. So the Durango could possibly disappear from the lineup in a year or two. All the more reason to experience Durango while we can, and if you're going to do that, you might as well do it with a HEMI V8 aboard; a transformative power plant if there ever was one.

The HEMI's 360 hp and 390 lb-ft of torque basically turn anything into a supremely effortless and smooth cruiser on the highway, and supremely entertaining urban assault vehicle.

As with Durango's other power plant (the 3.6-litre V6), the HEMI is hooked up to Chrysler's new eight-speed automatic transmission. With all those gears and the HEMI's FuelSaver MDS system — which deactivates four cylinders when full power is not required — a modicum of fuel efficiency is delivered from the big V8. Transport Canada rates it at 17.3 L/100 km City, and 11.5 L/100 km Highway.

The HEMI is the exclusive engine for Durango R/T (our test vehicle), which sits atop of the Durango range. R/T models just sneak in under $50,000 (excluding destination charge), but our tester also had all the fancy safety systems, a rear DVD system with two screens, rear captain chairs, tow package, leather, and Chrysler's top-shelf Uconnect infotainment system, with the big 8.4-inch touch screen, to ring in at an impressive $60,680 (including destination).

That's a big ticket, but this Durango R/T is not wanting for anything, and offers a true luxury experience — in a brand not normally associated with luxury.

Steering feels a bit too over-assisted for our tastes, and while the Durango goes where it's pointed eagerly, it does so with a slight bit of body roll. Competitors seem to have a bit more body control.

The other item where competitors might have an edge is in interior packaging. While the Durango's cargo volume is probably more than enough for most people, some of the new same-size crossovers do carve out more interior space.

Durango's third row is pretty much like all third rows; great for kids and temporary travelling, and that's about it.

But up front, in the driver's perch, and in the two great captain chairs in the second row, life is good. Lots of soulful power. A very high-end feel, with leather and top-end tech, like adaptive cruise control and heated steering wheel. An infotainment system that you can actually figure out. A commanding view of road. And knowing you're driving a very handsome truck, resplendent with 192 LEDs in the taillights and projector headlamps and LED daytime running headlamps at the other end. A cool, big fast red thing.

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Geneva Motor Show: What we learned

The shape of cars to come. Geneva gave us a glimpse into the auto world's best and brightest


The 675LT was one of a number of track-focused supercars making its debut. MCLAREN/AFP

Geneva is dubbed the auto show for the one per cent for good reason.

It is here more than at any other event on the automotive calendar that the world's most exclusive brands decide to showcase their latest wares.

However, alongside this automotive exotica, a host of mainstream motors big and small were unveiled. Showcasing both the exciting and practical, this year's show was one of the most inclusive in recent memory and as a result offered clear insight into the trends, functions and features that will be driving the industry forward over the coming years.

The supercar market is on track

The McLaren 675LT, Porsche 911 GT3 RS and the Aston Martin Vantage GT3 all made breathtaking debuts at this year's show and each is a car designed for track-day racing rather than boulevard cruising. As McLaren's chief test driver Chris Goodwin explained of the 675LT, it is a car built to be driven to a track, round the track and then back home again.

In other words, it would be impossible to live with as a daily driver. McLaren and Aston Martin took things one step further, unveiling cars that were track only and therefore illegal for road use.

The need for speed is universal

Alongside supercars, there was a raft of hot hatchback unveilings, most notably the new Ford Focus RS and the Honda Civic Type R, both of which boast phenomenal performance, but can and will be used as everyday cars.


Ford says the new Focus RS is a glimpse into the future. FORD MOTOR COMPANY/AFP

During its unveiling, Jim Farley, Ford's executive vice-president and president Europe, Middle East and Africa, said of the Focus: "It's our mission to make performance accessible to as many people as possible."

He also promised that 12 performance models to suit all budgets were heading for European Ford dealerships.

Luxury has no limits

As well as speed, comfort was high on the list on most stands.

Ford introduced the new Titanium X specification for a number of models at the show, which takes creature comforts and cabin materials up to a new level for mass-market cars, and also showcased the Vignale sub brand that will offer clients bespoke levels of service and huge personalization choices for a new car.

Everything crosses over eventually

Geneva was big for SUVs and crossovers. Renault showcased the family-friendly Kadjar, which wants to offer an alternative to the Nissan Qashqai; Mazda's CX-3 wants to be a more esthetically pleasing alternative to the Nissan Juke and Renault Captur; and Seat's 20V20 concept will be competition to all of these when the production model launches in 2016.

Geneva also saw a refreshed Range Rover Evoque and the confirmation that a convertible version is in the works but the biggest surprise in terms of off-roaders came from Aston Martin with its DBX concept that signals that nothing is immune from the crossover treatment.

Boutique brands are booming

The increasing crossoverfication of the industry highlights the fact that most companies are now part of larger groups that share platforms and technology.

The Renault Kadjar and Nissan Qashqai share many of the same components, for instance, and often it's just exterior design flourishes that separate an elevated Audi from a VW crossover or SUV.

Yet despite this homogenization, tiny independent marques are still performing.

Niche British company Morgan showcased a new Aero 8 flagship model, coachbuilder Touring Superleggera wowed the crowds with its bespoke take on a Ferrari F12 Berlinetta — and Swedish supercar firm Koenigsegg unveiled two new models, one of which, the Regera, boasts over 1800bhp, a hybrid drivetrain and no traditional form of transmission system. AFP

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Carmakers want to clean up diesel's image

United Kingdom.
Campaign hopes to clear up misconceptions about diesel's green credentials

They're more expensive to buy, but the new diesel-engine cars are cheaper to run, offer better fuel efficiency than gas-run or even many hybrid cars, and, thanks to a number of upgrades, have also become less sluggish, quieter and kinder to the environment.

Yet despite ongoing popularity in the region (55 per cent of new cars sold in Europe are diesels) they're still perceived by many motorists as adding to rather than reducing pollution.

So much so that the U.K.'s Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) has launched a U.K.-wide campaign, backed by Ford, BMW, Jaguar and Volkswagen, to dispel misconceptions and underline the role that cleaner diesel engines have in hitting future clean-air targets.

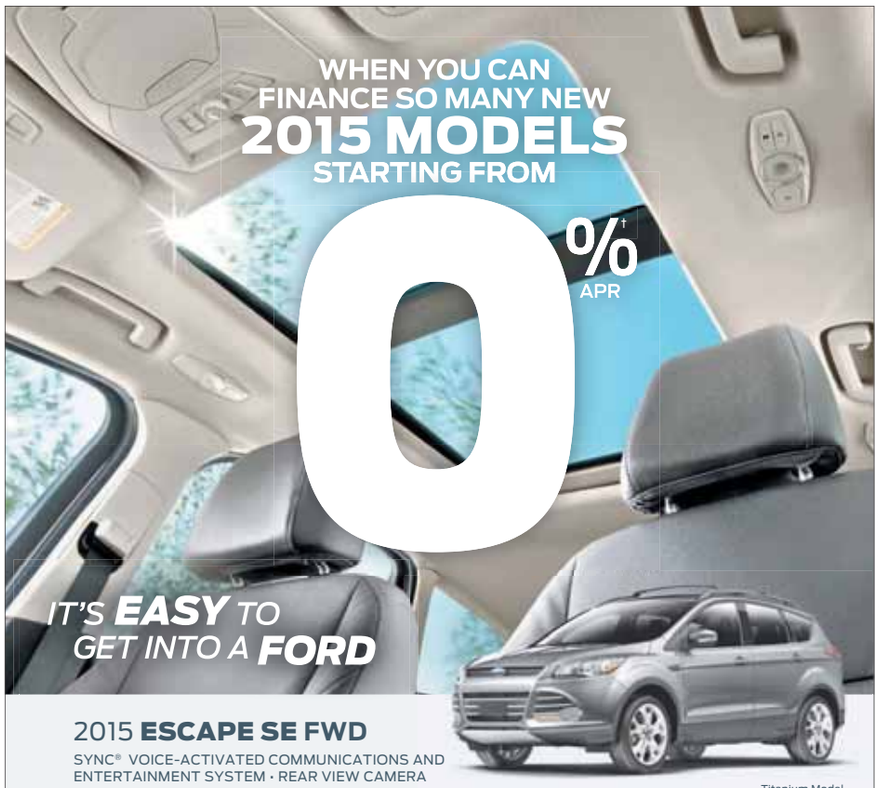
"Diesel cars produce, on average, 20 per cent less CO2 than equivalent petrol cars and so have a vital role to play in helping to arrest climate change," said Graeme Grieve, CEO of BMW Group UK.

There is no debating that a well-maintained and serviced diesel engine burns less fuel than a gas engine with the same displacement.

But there is also no debating that diesel engines release more potentially harmful nitrogen oxides (NOx). To counteract this, the latest diesel cars have special particulate filters but usually take up to five kilometres of travel to start working at an optimum level. AFP



Many motorists perceive diesel engines as bad for the environment. AFP



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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Today's Mercury-Neptune link means that trust is something you can give but there is no guarantee it will be repaid.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The planets make it easy to confront the negative aspects of your personality now, so face them and overcome them.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If your instincts tell you that what you are being asked to go along with is not a good idea then make your excuses and don't get involved. It may make you unpopular but better to be unpopular than be broke.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Decide what your number one priority is going to be and stick to it. The planets warn you could easily find yourself talked into doing things today that don't do you any favours at all.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone will annoy you today by saying something that isn't true. According to the planets they are trying to get you to overreact so they can use your words and actions against you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
With Mercury, your ruler, overshadowed by Neptune today be careful when dealing with others, especially if they flatter you because that means they are after something.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Tread carefully when dealing with partners over the next 24 hours because even little things may set them off. The last thing you need now is to spend time trying to calm them down.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The only danger today is that in your desire to prove that you are original in your thinking you will come up with ideas that won't work. Stay practical.

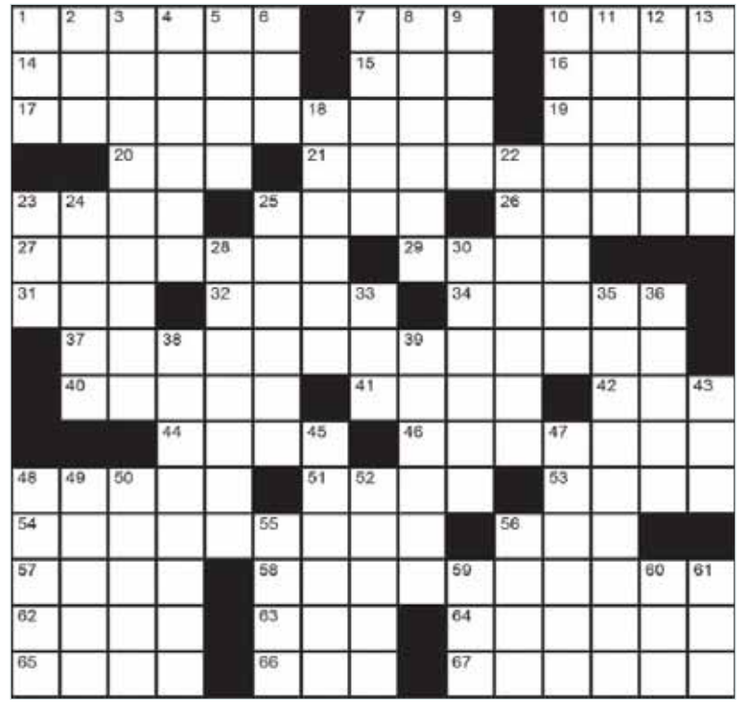
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
By all means do something dramatic today, but make sure it isn't something that is going to damage your reputation. Know where the line is and be smart enough to stay this side of it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not be in the mood to compromise but you are going to have to, especially on the home front where loved ones can dig in their heels just as effectively as you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If there is something you don't want the world to know about, don't let even your best friend in on the secret. Once you tell one person it won't be long before everyone knows.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Mercury linked to Neptune in your sign means there is no telling how a gamble will work out. Why risk it?

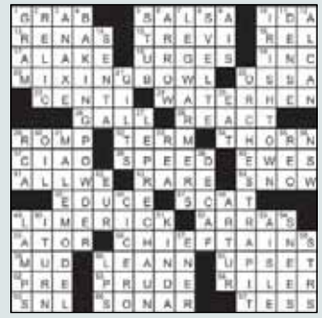
Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Soldier's ID: 2 wds.
7. Scand. land
10. Advanced math course, briefly
14. 1588 Spanish fleet
15. Biblical liquid measure
16. Racetrack shape
17. "The __ __" by Stompin' Tom Connors
19. __ _' War (Legendary racehorse)
20. Red Chamber fig.
21. Fossil which is Alberta's official stone, __ wood
23. "__ __ sure you know..."
25. __ Rebellion (Early-1840s insurrection in Rhode Island)
26. Common ailments
27. Look upon with contempt: 2 wds.
29. Flanders river
31. Vertical opp.
32. Soon, to Shakespeare
34. __ __ if everything is okay
37. "One Tin Soldier" by Canadian group The __ __
40. Aunt: French
41. Amphibians/reptiles sci.
42. Harem room
44. Herb type
46. WKRP employee Les
48. Trojan War site, poetically
51. Two peas in _ __
53. Hue
54. Air Canada customer
56. Ms. Taylor, for short
57. Card game
58. Hamilton-born star of CBC's "Schitt's Creek": 2 wds.
62. Mr. Epps
63. Beethoven's "Minuet __ _"
64. Menu meal
65. US __. of State
66. Bon Jovi's "__ Your Hands on Me"
67. Does better than F

Down
1. Morse Code bit
2. __-Medonte (Ontario township)
3. 2015 _ _ _ _ 1500 pickup truck
4. "I want to go, too!": 2 wds.
5. Toronto-born actor Mr. Young
6. Marcia Harden link
7. Horse footwear fitter, say
8. Like pre-Spring weather
9. Tech sch. grad
10. Says "There, there now."
11. Help
12. Divided as highways
13. Lummoxes
18. Really right: 2 wds.
22. AHL team in St. John's, Newfoundland
23. Cigar stuff
24. Snob
25. Son/co-star of #58-Across
28. Scott Joplin music style
30. Hallowed
33. Nope
35. Some perfume bottles
36. Type of car
38. Manufacturing
39. Edgar Allan Poe poem
43. Sandy hill constructor
45. "__ Beach: The Real Orange County"
47. Big top props
48. Polls/surveys conductor, __ Reid
49. "Flower Duet" opera by Leo Delibes
50. Hanson member
52. Singer Ms. Lee
55. Playwright Mr. Simon
56. Ms. Horne
59. Himalayas land [abbr.]
60. "Rubber Ball" singer Bobby
61. Go-ahead response

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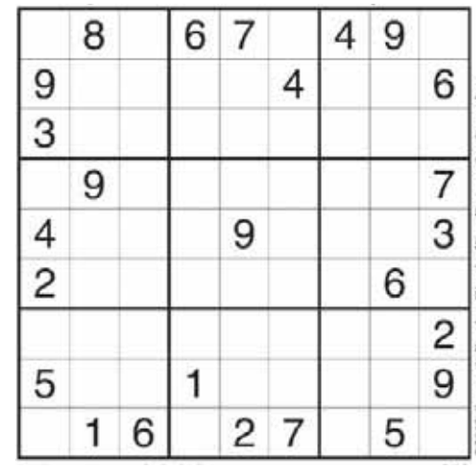


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